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SUBJECT : BONA FIDES ON US REFINERY GROUP

REF: DOHA 8; USDOC 99, 249; ABU DHABI 25

1. GREATLY APPRECIATE USDOC'S AND ABU DHABI'S INSTANT RESPONSE TO DOHA'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON US GROUP OFFERING JOINT VENTURE REFINERY PROPOSAL.

2. GROUP CALLED AT EMBASSY JAN 6. IT WAS LED BY DOLPH OVERTON OF C&O DEVELOPMENT CORP, P.O. BOX 1626, SMITHFIELD, N.C. 27577-AND INCLUDED STEPHEN C. BARNDOLLAR, MANAGER, MIDDLE EAST OPERATIONS, THE NORTHWESTERN BANK, NORTH WIKLESBORO, N.C. 28659; SCOTT RUMPH, AND DAN TROTTER, RESTOP CORPORATION, P.O. DRAWER 1060, SUMTER, S.C.; W. CECIL WORSLEY, PRESIDENT,. WORSLEY OIL COMPANY OF WALLACE (TWIN PETROLEUM, INC., WALLACE, N.C.; SEABOARD PETROLEUM, LTD. CONWAY, S.C.; WORSLEY OIL COMPANY, BURGAW, N.C.; WORSLEY OIL COMPANY, ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C.); AND BOB BRYAN, JR., BRYAN OIL COMPANY, P.O. BOX 350, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. 28302.

3. OVERTON CONFIRMED GENERALLY BACKGROUND ON REFINERY PROPOSAL  
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PROVIDED IN ABU DHABI REFTEL. HE DESCRIBED GROUP AS INDEPENDENT

GASOLINE RETAILERS SEEKING TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH PRODUCING COUNTRY TO ASSURE CRUDE SOURCE. HE NOTED THAT INDEPENDENTS HAD BEEN BADLY SQUEEZED BY MAJORS DURING OIL EMBARGO AND DIDN'T WANT THIS TO HAPPEN AGAIN. HE CLAIMED THAT GROUP HAD SELECTED QATAR FOR THEIR PROPOSAL. WHICH HAD NOT PRT NOT BEEN MADE TO ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT IN AREA. ACCORDING OVERTON, PROPOSAL IS FOR 50/50 JOINT PARTICIPATION BETWEEN GROUP AND GOQ IN REGINERY WITH CRUDE SUPPLY ASSURED BY GOQ.

4. OVERTON DESCRIBED "RESTOP" AS NEW CONSORTIUM OF GASOLINE RETAILERS WHO INTEND TO SPECIALIZE IN SALES ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM. ACCORDING OVERTON, GROUP IN A HURRY TO CONCLUDE SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT THAT WILL ASSURE THEM OF SUFFICIENT GASOLINE SUPPLY BEFORE USG ADOPTS ANY NEW MEASURES POSSIBLY RESTRICTING CRUDE AND/OR PRODUCT IMPORTS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, OVERTON SAID GROUP SEEKING TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH GOQ AND NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN AGENCY RELATIONSHIP WITH TRADING AND AGENCY SERVICES. HE SAID LOCAL FIRM HAD BEEN ASSISTING THEM IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS, ETC., BUT WOULD HAVE NO PART IN PROSPECTIVE DEAL WITH GOQ. GROUP IS MEETING WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS JAN 7 AND AGREED TO FILL US IN ON THEIR DISCUSSIONS.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO USDOC ON MEMBERS OF GROUP AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS. WE EXPECT GOQ WILL ASK US FOR SUCH A READING IF IT DECIDES TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY GROUP'S PROPOSAL.

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